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To Whom It May Concern,

This email is to note my objection to the government-proposed settlement. I feel it does not adequately restore competition to the PC world. In fact, I think it legitimizes some very anticompetitive practices, such as their constantly-changing closed office formats that prevent any non-Microsoft office packages from reading Word, Excel, and Powerpoint files.

I feel that the settlement does nothing to actually punish Microsoft for their past abuses. Microsoft has been found guilty of violating a law in specific instances and the punishment is being told "never do that again". Allowing a criminal to benefit from violations of the law is an insult to any notion of "justice" and a slap in the face to the American public.

I feel this settlement is woefully inadequate. Any fair settlement will punish them for past abuses and help level the playing field for competition to begin. I do not feel this settlement accomplishes either of these goals.

Sincerely,

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